

# **Teachers Resource Guide**

## **Glassblower Lech Transcript**

### **Who are you and why are you at Jamestown (or in Virginia)? What year is it?**

My name is Lech and I am a German glassmaker. I was recruited by the Virginia Company of London to come to the new colony and make glass to be sold back in England. I arrived at Jamestown in the fall of 1608.

### **Describe your daily activities**

My days are quite busy gathering materials to make glass--sand, oyster shells, seaweed--and cutting wood to constantly stoke the fires in our furnaces, making repairs to the furnaces, and finally making glass, sometimes all night long.

### **What do you think about Jamestown and Virginia?**

Virginia is far more wild and untame than I expected. There is hardly enough to eat, and we live under constant threat of disease and attacks. We must live at a distance from the rest of the colony and very few of us speak the language of the others. We have no say in the day-to-day activities of the colony. It is very dangerous and scary and I long to return to my home.

### **What expectations do you have for your future?**

I hope to prove to the colony's leadership that our glass factory can be successful and we can produce enough glass to make a sizeable profit for ourselves and the company. Hopefully, I can earn enough to eventually return to my native land and start a glass factory of my very own.

### **Items that would identify the glassblower:**

- Sand/shells/wood-the materials to make glass
- Image of glasshouse in relation to location of Jamestown settlement
- Glassblowing tools-the tools of his trade
- Blown glass-the product he created